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HYPNOTIC PROPENSITY FOR PUBLICITY

CHET HUNTLEY: "The CIA, the very fibers of whose being are secrecy and stealth, has an almost hypnotic propensity for publicity, usually of the wrong kind and at the wrong time.

"Here, as nearly as can be deciphered is the latest instance. A CIA man named Hans Tofte decided to rent his Washington house. Another CIA agent came to look it over. He didn't know Tofte was a CIA man, and vice versa. Apparently you don't have to be one to know one. But he saw some classified documents lying around.

"He returned with another agent and they may or may not have taken something besides the classified (laughs) material. At least, Tofte claims, nineteen thousand dollars worth of jewelry is missing.

"Today, the CIA suspended Tofte; however, he'll stay on the payroll at almost twenty-five thousand dollars a year until someone decided who did what (laughs) to whom."